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All of the presently submitted references listed on Form PTO/SB/08A, i.e., Cite Nos. F1 through F6, are not in English.

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A concise explanation of the relevance of each of Cite Nos. F1 through F5 is incorporated into the specification in the present application at paragraphs [0008], [0009], [0010], and [0012], respectively.

Furthermore, English abstracts of these references, and of Cite No. F6 as well, are available through the Japanese Patent Office Web site, and the corresponding abstract is

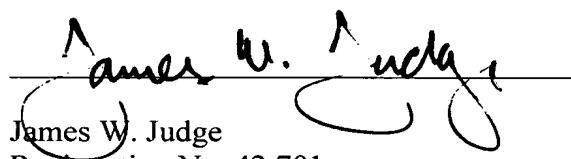
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The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider these references, and to indicate so on the accompanying Form PTO/SB/08A and make the document of record in the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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